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1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SAGAR DESPATCH
HEADLINED "SAXBE ANGRY AT INDIAN LEADERS' ANTI-U.S.
COMMENTS" IN APRIL 26 HINDU: BEGIN QUOTE

THE U.S. AMBASSADOR, MR. WILLIAM SAXBE, IT IS REPORTED,
BELIEVES THAT INDIA AND THE U.S. WILL ONLY DRIFT
FURTHER APART IF INDIAN LEADERS CONTINUE TO ATTACK
U.S. ACTIONS AND POLICIES AND MAKE ANTI-AMERICAN
COMMENTS. OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER
MR. CHAVAN'S RECENT STATEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENTS
IN INDO-CHINA AND THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS. INDIRA
GANDHI'S REFERENCE TO A THREAT FROM THE SEA (FOLLOWING
THE U.S. DECISION TO EXPAND ITS PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN
OCEAN). MR. SAXBE HAS SAID, "I DO NOT THINK THERE CAN
BE MUCH PROGRESS SO LONG AS OFFICIAL CRITICISM (OF THE
U.S.) IS AT THE LEVEL IT IS. IF INDIA IS DETERMINED
TO MAKE AN ENEMY OF THE UNITED STATES, THERE IS NOT
MUCH WE CAN DO ABOUT IT."

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2. IN AN INTERVIEW TO THE NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT

IN DELHI, MR. SAXBE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT IF INDIA CONTINUES TO TREAT THE U.S. IN A BRITTLE WAY, THE US CONGRESS AND ADMINISTRATION MAY BEGIN ASKING WHY THEY SHOULD "BOTHER" ABOUT INDIA. "I THINK THAT IS A QUESTION CONGRESS IS ASKING RIGHT NOW. IT COULD HAPPEN THAT WE WILL TAKE OUR PLACE, JUST LIKE ANY OTHER EMBASSY HERE, REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY AND NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY OTHER MANNER IN ANYTHING ELSE.

3. "I HAVE BEEN HERE TWO MONTHS AND I HAVE YET TO SEE ANY OFFICIAL OR PRESS REFERENCE TO THE U.S. AS A FRIENDLY NATION. YOU HAVE A CURIOUS COMBINATION OF FACTORS HERE. WHEN I CALL ON CABINET MINISTERS, THEY ALL LOVE TO TALK ABOUT THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS AND SONS-IN-LAW IN THE US AND HOW WELL THEY LIKE IT THERE. THE NEXT THING I READ IN THE PAPERS IS THAT THESE SAME PEOPLE ARE DENOUNCING THE US"

4. AT ANOTHER POINT, MR. SAXBE, WHO ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE ANTI-US FEELING MAY BE "PROBABLY" DUE TO THE US DECISION TO RE-SUPPLY PAKISTAN WITH ARMS, IS QUOTED AS ADDING, "IT IS NOT EASY TO UNDERSTAND. I DO NOT THINK IT IS ANYTHING PERSONAL. I HEAR ALL KINDS OF STORIES. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WRITE IN THE PRESS THAT IT IS ALL A BUILD-UP FOR A CAMPAIGN. BUT BECAUSE IT IS A NECESSARY CONDITION FOR INDIAN POLITICIANS, SHOULD WE ADJUST TO ABUSE?"

5. THE TIMES CORRESPONDENT ALSO REPORTS THAT "SOME AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE PRIVATELY DISCUSSING A POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF PRESIDENT FORD'S SCHEDULED VISIT TO INDIA THIS AUTUMN BECAUSE OF THE STATEMENTS MADE BY MRS. GANDHI AND MR. CHAVAN." MEANWHILE IN WASHINGTON, U.S. OFFICIALS NOW OPENLY SAY THAT THOUGH THEY HAVE WITHHELD ALL COMMENT ON SIKKIM SO FAR, THEY MAY NOT DO SO ANY LONGER.

6. IN HIS TIMES INTERVIEW, MR. SAXBE IS ALSO PORTRAYED AS A MAN WHO IS STUNG AND ANGERED AT INDIAN REFERENCES TO THE U.S. AS A BELLIGERENT IN REGARD TO INVASION FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SEA) WHICH MR. SAXBE SAID WAS BEYOND THEIR KEN) AND THE REFERENCE TO DIEGO GARCIA AS AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT. "NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON DIEGO GARCIA TO MY KNOWLEDGE," HE SAID.

7. SENIOR INDIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS HERE DECLINED COMMENT ON THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORT THAT SOME UNNAMED U.S. OFFICIALS IN DELHI WERE DISCUSSING A POSSIBLE

CANCELLATION OF PRESIDENT FORD'S PROJECTED VISIT TO INDIA.
THE INDIAN ENVOY, MR. T N KAUL SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD
THIS POSSIBILITY DISCUSSED HERE BY ANY US OFFICIAL.
HE HOWEVER, FELT SUCH A STEP WOULD ONLY WIDEN THE BREACH
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

8. MR. KAUL IS GOING TO DELHI ON MAY 17 FOR CONSULTATIONS
AND THE PURPOSE OF THESE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE TO
REVIEW AND REASSESS INDO-US RELATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF
THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND TO SEE IF ANYTHING COULD
BE DONE TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE ALREADY CAUSED. MR. KAUL,
WHO APPARENTLY IS ALSO WONDERING WHETHER HE SHOULD
CONTINUE AT HIS POST HERE, FEELS THAT AS OF NOW INDO-
US RELATIONS ARE HEADED FOR A PERIOD OF PRO-LONGED
COOLNESS. A CHANGE FROM THIS, HE BELIEVES, CAN ONLY
COME ABOUT IF THE US TAKES INDIA SERIOUSLY. "IN
THE RECENT PAST DR. KISSINGER, THE US SECRETARY OF
STATE HAS SAID THAT INDIA IS A MAJOR POWER AND OCCUPIES
A PRE-EMINENT POSITION IN SOUTH ASIA, BUT UNFORTUNATELY
RECENT ACTIONS BY THE U.S. (RESUMPTION OF ARMS SALES
TO PAKISTAN AND THE DECISION TO MAINTAIN A MAJOR US
PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, DESPITE INDIA'S KNOWN
OBJECTIONS) DO NOT SHOW THAT THE US IS SERIOUS
ABOUT WHAT IT HAS BEEN SAYING TO US." HE ALSO SEEMS
TO BELIEVE THAT MAY BE INDIA WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL
SOMEONE WHO THINKS DIFFERENTLY FROM DR. KISSINGER TAKES
COMMAND. END QUOTE.SAXBE

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